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Safe Places To Warm-Up During Severe Weather

Waukesha, Wis. – During bouts of dangerously cold weather, the homeless, households experiencing heat loss, stranded motorists and individuals burdened with other emergency situations can take comfort in Waukesha County's severe weather planning efforts.

By partnering with various social service agencies, like that of homeless shelters, the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the American Red Cross – Waukesha Regional Office and law enforcement agencies, Waukesha County has created a network of providers to minimize potentially life threatening weather-related circumstances in the community.

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When faced with severe weather emergencies, individuals and families in need of assistance should contact 2-1-1/First Call For Help, a 24-hour information and referral hotline coordinated by the Mental Health Association in Waukesha County. By dialing 2-1-1 or (262) 547-3388 on a local telephone or cellular phone, callers will be connected to referral specialists who will be able to give them information regarding emergency shelters and other agencies providing assistance.

To ensure that people receive the help they need, bed space in area shelters will be monitored continually. If local facilities exceed current capacity, the American Red Cross will assist with opening and managing pre-designated church-based shelters.

For more information on Waukesha County’s Severe Weather Plan, please call Community Development Coordinator Glen Lewinski at (262) 548-7921. For emergency shelter needs, call 2-1-1 or (262) 547-3388.

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